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SUBJECT: INTERNMENT ANNIVERSARY VIOLENCE

1. REPUBLICAN DEMONSTRATIONS CENTERING AROUND ANNIVERSARY
INTERNMENT AUGUST 9 RAISED LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN PROVINCE.
ISSUE OF MOMENT IS GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO DENY SPECIAL
CATEGORY (POLITICAL) STATUS FOR TERRORISTS CONVICTED OF
CRIMES COMMITTED SINCE MARCH. BELFAST, DUNGANNON, MAGHERAFELT,
WARRENPOINT WERE BOMBS TARGETS OVER WEEKEND AND ONE SOLDIER
KILLED BY BOMB IN AMBUSH AT CROSSMAGLEN, SOUTH ARMAGH.

2. THERE AT LEAST TWENTY SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN BELFAST NIGHT
OF AUGUST 8 AND 9 AND RAMPAGING CROWDS IN MINORITY AREAS
DESTROYED PROPERTY AND ATTACKED SECURITY FORCES.
M.P. GERRY FITT, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER HOSPITALIZED WITH
SHOCK FOLLOWING ATTACK ON HIS HOME IN ANTRIM ROAD BY
"REPUBLICAN" MOB EARLY AUGUST 9.

3. LOYALISTS HAVE SO FAR NOT RPT NOT REACTED BUT TENSION IS
RUNNING HIGH. SECRETARY OF STATE MERLYN REES WAS JEERED AND
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ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, JOSTLED BY HOSTILE CROWD OUTSIDE

POLICE STATION IN LURGAN AUGUST 6. ULSTER "MONDAY CLUB"
SECRETARY NEIL OLIVER MADE SEVERE CRITICISM OF MR. REES AND
SECURITY POLICY IN SPEECH AUGUST 7. VANGUARD UNIONIST PARTY
SAME DAY WARNED OF NEW BUILD-UP OF LOYALIST PARAMILITARY STRENGTH
UNLESS SECURITY FORCES RESPOND TO NEW LEVEL OF PROVISIONAL IRA
VIOLENCE.
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